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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DIRECT CHANNEL  
DISTRIBUTION OVER A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action Summary mailed October 1, 2003. This Response is made within the shortened statutory period and, therefore, no additional fee is required.

Applicants appreciate the time and effort by the Examiner in reviewing this application. In the Action, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to four distinct inventions, as follows: (1) Claims 1-24, drawn to a warehouse/on demand access to inventory, classified in class 705, subclass 22; (2) Claims 25-45, drawn to a method of inventory management, classified in class 705, subclass 28; (3) Claims 46-55, drawn to a system for inventory management, classified in class 709, subclass 223; and (4) Claims 56-67, drawn to a computer readable medium, classified in class 700, subclass 214.

By the Action, Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group III, Claims 46-55, while traversing the Examiner's assertions. Applicants reserve the right to file Divisional applications on the non-elected inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as currently amended, overcome the Examiner's objections. Therefore, Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's assertion that the application contains claims directed to four (4) patentably distinct inventions.

Please amend the claims as follows: